

# Healthcare Practitioner's Guide to Home-based HPV Self-collection

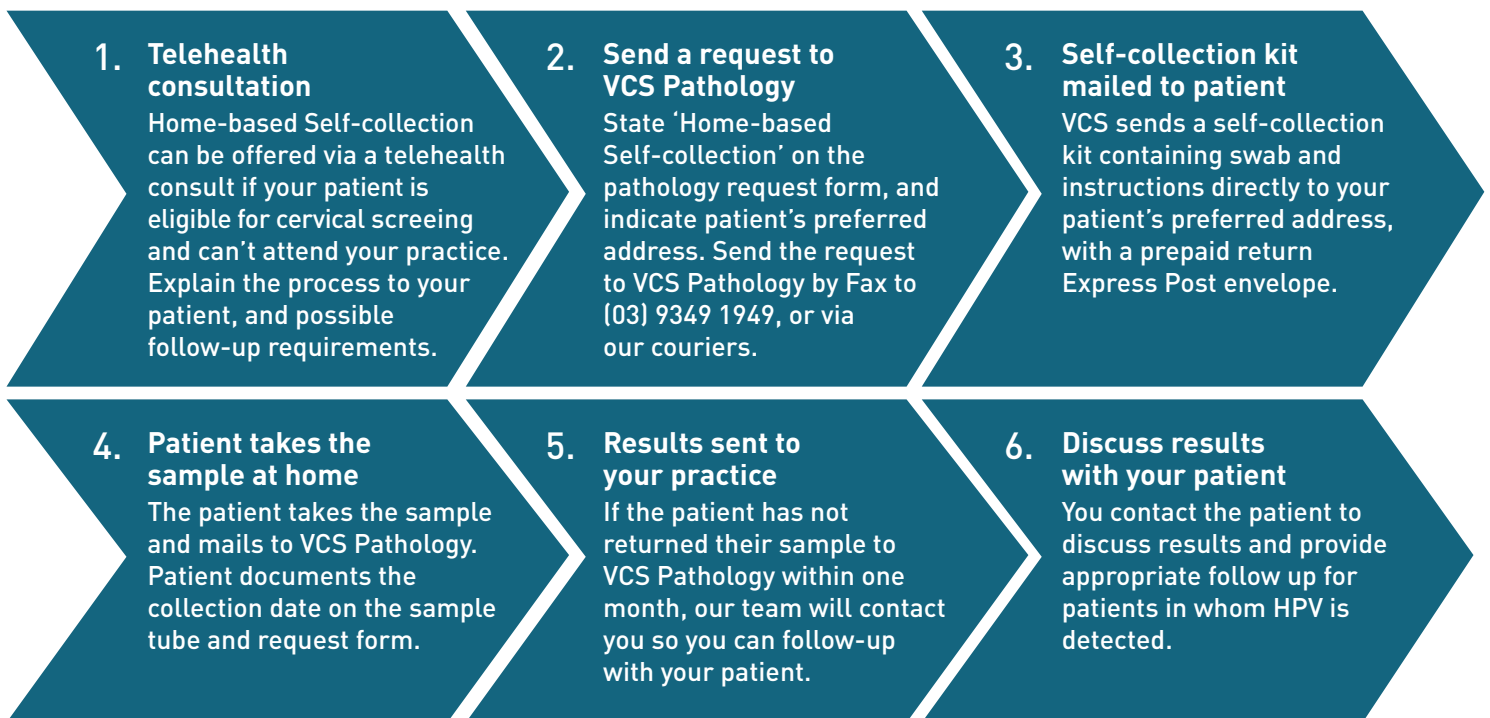


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## WHAT IS HOME-BASED SELF-COLLECTION?

Home-based Self-collection is an alternative to clinic based cervical screening for patients who experience difficulty attending an in-person consultation. VCS Pathology referring practitioners can request home self-collection kits to be mailed directly to eligible screening patients who are due or overdue for screening, following a telehealth consultation.

## PROCESS FOR HOME-BASED SELF-COLLECTION



## IMPORTANT!

Please remind your patient to document the date of collection and return the sample promptly.

The laboratory must receive the sample within 28 days from the date of collection.



## WHAT IS IN THE HOME TEST KIT?

- ✓ Specimen biohazard bag
- ✓ Self-collection swab (Copan Flocked swab 552.80C)
- ✓ A copy of the pathology request form completed by the healthcare practitioner. **Note:** a 'sign and date here' sticker will be attached to the Medicare section of the request form. This is where the patient signs and records the date of collection, as well as on the sample tube.
- ✓ A prepaid Express Post envelope addressed to VCS Pathology
- ✓ A double-sided instruction sheet covering the collection, packaging and postage to VCS Pathology

Contact VCS Pathology for a sample home test kit that you can show to your patients during a video consultation.

## CONTACT US

For more information on the Home-based Self-collection service, contact VCS Pathology on (03) 9250 0309 or via email [dataqueries@vcs.org.au](mailto:dataqueries@vcs.org.au)